UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Dedra De La Rosa,

Plaintiff,

-v-

Pure Green NYC 8th Street Corp,

Defendant.

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ORDER

ALISON J. NATHAN, District Judge:

On August 25, 2020, trial in this case was set to begin on March 1, 2021. The Southern District of New York has reconfigured courtrooms and other spaces in its courthouses to allow jury trials to proceed as safely as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the protocols implemented in response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern District is scheduling all jury trials through a centralized calendaring process, giving priority to criminal trials.

Though the Court will make every effort to try the case at the currently scheduled date, it cannot guarantee that a jury trial in this matter will be able to proceed as scheduled.

Accordingly, the parties are hereby ORDERED to meet and confer and submit a joint letter by October 27, 2020, responding to the following questions:

- 1. In the event that this case proceeds to trial, do all parties consent to a bench trial before this Court? If either party does not consent to a bench trial, the parties shall advise the Court that they do not consent, but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent. The parties are free to withhold consent without negative consequences.
- 2. If the parties instead elect to proceed with a jury trial, are they prepared to proceed to trial on the scheduled date?

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If the parties do not consent to a bench trial and indicate that they are ready to proceed

with a jury trial on the scheduled date, the Court will request a jury for that date, consistent with

the protocols implemented by the Southern District. In that event, the parties shall be prepared to

proceed to trial as of that date and on each following week through March 2021. The Court will

provide the parties as much notice as possible about whether their case will proceed to trial

during any of those weeks.

The final pretrial conference remains scheduled for January 29, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. The

parties' final pretrial submissions shall be submitted no later than January 4, 2021.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 20, 2020

New York, New York

ALISON J. NATHAN United States District Judge